

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-13, 15-18, and 21-26 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1, 6-8, 10, 15-17, 21, and 24-26 are amended, and claims 5, 14, 19, 20, and 27 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter is introduced.

The Office Action rejects claims 19-26 under 35 U.S.C. §101 for claiming non-statutory subject matter. The rejection of canceled claims 19 and 20 is moot. Claims 21-23 are amended to depend from independent claim 1, which recites an information terminal device. Further, claims 24 and 25 are amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion, and claim 26 is amended to recite a legitimate subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §101. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §101 be withdrawn.

The Office Action rejects claims 20-23 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. The rejection of canceled claim 20 is moot, and claims 21-23 and 26 are amended to obviate the rejection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 10, and 19-23 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Yui (U.S. Pat. No. 5,390,331); claim 27 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Nakajima (US 2003/0100374); and claims 2-9, 11-18, and 24-26 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Yui in view of Nakajima. These rejections are moot with respect to canceled claims 5, 14, 19, 20, and 27, and are respectfully traversed with respect to the remaining claims.

In particular, regarding independent claims 1, 10, and 24-26, Applicants respectfully submit that Yui and Nakajima, either alone or in combination, do not disclose or suggest at least a storage information controlling means which replaces the predetermined information stored in the second internal memory with predetermined information stored in the storage

medium if the identification information read from the storage medium corresponds to the identification information that is stored in the first internal memory, as recited in independent claim 1, and similarly recited in independent claims 10 and 24-26.

The Office Action indicates that Yui does not disclose a storage information controlling means which replaces the predetermined information stored in the second internal memory with predetermined information stored in the storage medium if the identification information read from the storage medium corresponds to the identification information that is stored in the first internal memory. See page 12 of the Office Action. Accordingly, Yui does not disclose or suggest this feature.

In addition, Applicants respectfully submit that Nakajima fails to make up the above-noted deficiencies of Yui. In particular, Nakajima is silent regarding replacing the predetermined information stored in *the second internal memory* with predetermined information stored in the storage medium if the identification information read from the storage medium corresponds to the identification information stored in *the first internal memory*.

Initially Applicants respectfully submit that Nakajima merely discloses *one memory* 12f in the main unit 12. See Fig. 1 of Nakajima. Thus, Nakajima does not disclose or suggest a first internal memory and a second internal memory.

Further, the Office Action points to paragraph [0022] of Nakajima as disclosing a storage information controlling means. However, paragraph [0022] merely discloses a data block of updating data 20 that includes media data 21a and application data 21b in the same block. See Fig. 3. Nothing in this passage, or in all of Nakajima, discloses or suggests two memories, let alone replacing the predetermined information stored in *the second internal memory* with predetermined information stored in the storage medium if the identification information read from the storage medium corresponds to the identification information

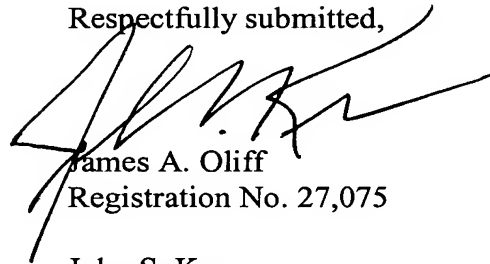
stored in the first internal memory, as recited in independent claim 1. Accordingly, Nakajima does not make up for the above-noted deficiencies of Yui.

In view of the above, Yui and Nakajima, either alone or in combination, do not disclose or suggest the subject matter as recited in independent claims 1, 10, 24, 25 and 26. Claims 2-9 depend from independent claim 1, and claims 11-18 depend from independent claim 10. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the rejections of claims 1, 10, and 19-23 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and claims 2-9, 11-18, and 24-26 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-4, 6-13, 15-18 and 21-27 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned attorneys at the telephone number set forth below.

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